

SENATE BILL 3765

By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Chapter 55 of the Private Acts of 1951; as amended by Chapter 143 of the Private Acts of 1969, Chapter 391 of the Private Acts of 1972; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the Rutherford County highway commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of Chapter 55 of the Private Acts of 1951, as amended by Chapter 143 of the Private Acts of 1969, Chapter 391 of the Private Acts of 1972, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 2. Rutherford County is divided into seven (7) road districts, as follows:

Road District I. Road District I shall be composed of County Commission districts 5, 11, and 12.

Road District II. Road District II shall be composed of County Commission districts 1, 2, and 3.

Road District III. Road District III shall be composed of County Commission districts 4, 6, and 7.

Road District IV. Road District IV shall be composed of County Commission districts 8, 9, and 10.

Road District V. Road District V shall be composed of County Commission districts 17, 18, and 21.

Road District VI. Road District VI shall be composed of County Commission districts 13, 15, and 16.

Road District VII. Road District VII shall be composed of County Commission districts 14, 19, and 20.

The county commission districts referred to in this section shall be those established by the Rutherford County commission in a redistricting plan adopted by the commission in 2012. The county commission is authorized to make subsequent redistrictings of the road districts from time to time as necessary for the election of road board members from districts that are substantially equal in population. Such districts shall be so defined that they contain one (1) or more county commission districts and that their boundaries shall conform to those of county commission districts.

At the August 2012 general election for county officers, one (1) road board member shall be elected by the qualified voters of Road District I, one (1) member by the qualified voters of Road District III, one (1) member by the qualified voters of Road District VI, and one (1) member by the qualified voters of Road District VII. All members elected in 2012 shall serve for terms of four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified; except that the road board commissioner for Road Board District VII, whose present term expires in 2012, shall be elected to a six-year term in 2012 to be succeeded by four-year terms thereafter.

At the August 2014 general election for county officers, one (1) road board member shall be elected by the qualified voters of Road District II, one (1) member by the qualified voters of Road District IV, and one (1) member by the qualified voters of Road District V. All members elected in 2014 shall serve for terms of four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified; except that the road board commissioner for Road Board District II, whose present term expires in 2014, shall be elected to a six-year term in 2014 to be succeeded by four-year terms thereafter.

The Rutherford County highway commission shall be composed of the road board commissioners elected as provided above and shall elect a chairperson from among its members. The county judge shall attend meetings of the highway commission and take part in its deliberations, but shall not have a vote.

SECTION 2. The redistricting set forth herein shall in no way abridge the terms of office of existing road board members, and such members shall continue in office until the expiration of their present terms.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Rutherford County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.